

Baker, Simmons, Maseeh are freshmen's top choices

35 attempt to leave East Campus during FYRE

By Drew Bent

Baker, Simmons, and Maseeh once again topped the residence preferences in this summer's freshmen housing lottery. MacGregor, on the other hand, saw its lowest numbers in four years, while Next demonstrated a surge in interest during the same period, according to data provided by MIT Residential Life and Dining. This year also marked the first time that Maseeh participated in the First Year Residence Exchange (FYRE), in which students have the option to switch dorms during their first week at MIT.

In the summer lottery, incoming freshmen ranked the 11 MIT

undergraduate dorms in order of preference. Baker snagged the title of most desired, with 282 students selecting it as their top choice, marking the fifth time in the past six years that Baker led in popularity. Simmons and Maseeh followed, with 202 and 144 top picks, respectively. Dorms with dining halls, including Baker, Simmons and Maseeh, tended to fare better.

Next House has seen rising numbers every year since 2011, when 43 students selected it as their top choice. This year, 99 selected it as their top choice. MacGregor, on the other hand, has declined in popularity, having been named the top choice by 102 students in 2011 but only

by 34 this year.

MIT's FYRE program offers additional insight into the dorm preferences of students. During the Residential Exchange Program (REX) at the start of the year, students explored dorms and their distinctive cultures through a variety of events hosted by REX committees. Students then had the option to switch dorms in the FYRE lottery.

As this was the first year that MIT's newest undergraduate dorm, Maseeh, participated in REX and FYRE, the Maseeh REX committee focused on organizing a few quality events as opposed to many small ones. "Most

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Students flock to Career Fair



MEGAN PRAKASH—THE TECH

Johnson Athletics Center and Rockwell Cage saw a constant influx of students all day last Friday at the Fall Career Fair as students explored jobs and internships at over 380 companies.

Majority of freshman males pledge to a fraternity

Of the 340 students who received the 405 bids handed out during fraternity rush this year, 293 have pledged, according to the Interfraternity Council.

Fifty-two percent of freshman males are now affiliated, as well as two percent of females due to the recent integration of the mixed-gender fraternity, No. 6 (Delta Psi), into the IFC last semester.

"To my knowledge, that percentage is one of the highest in recent memory — higher than last year's, which itself was a record," IFC president Haldun Anil '15 wrote in an email to *The Tech*. "As you can imagine, we're pretty

thrilled about the results."

According to Anil, the total number of pledges increased from 330 to 340, even though the number of bids dropped from 451 to 405.

Delta Upsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha, which are under suspension, did not participate in rush this year.

"Our raw numbers ended up decreasing by about the same number as the sum of the bids given out last year by DU and LCA," said Anil in an email to *The Tech*. "Conversely, however, the class size decreased by a larger amount, offsetting that difference."

—Patricia Z. Dominguez

Chapter	Bids Offered	Bids Accepted	Cross-Rush (Win/Loss)
Alpha Delta Phi	21	15	1-1
Alpha Epsilon Pi	9	6	1-1
Alpha Sigma Phi	0	0	0-0
Beta Theta Pi	9	5	1-2
Chi Phi	15	14	8-1
Delta Kappa Epsilon	17	14	3-1
Delta Psi	17	17	0-0
Delta Tau Delta	15	9	1-3
Kappa Sigma	21	15	2-7
Nu Delta	19	14	2-3
Phi Beta Epsilon	30	28	7-2
Phi Delta Theta	7	5	2-1
Phi Kappa Sigma	17	11	3-4
Phi Kappa Theta	16	16	1-0
Phi Sigma Kappa	18	14	4-2
Pi Lambda Phi	19	14	0-2
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	18	17	10-0
Sigma Chi	13	9	1-4
Sigma Nu	23	13	0-5
Sigma Phi Epsilon	17	5	0-4
Tau Epsilon Phi	7	4	0-0
Theta Chi	13	8	4-3
Theta Delta Chi	11	6	1-3
Theta Xi	13	10	0-3
Zeta Beta Tau	16	9	2-3
Zeta Psi	22	15	3-4

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Wearable 'Mighty Mom' takes first prize at breast pump hackathon

The "Make the Breast Pump Not Suck" Hackathon this past weekend drew over a hundred parents, engineers, designers, and healthcare specialists to campus. The organizers, MIT Media Lab students and researchers, were inspired by problems posed by current breast pumps, which they say are uncomfortable, inefficient, and costly.

Tal Achituv, a research assistant, said that breasts pumps are "low hanging fruit" with great potential impact in society, technology, and business.

First place went to the Mighty Mom Util-

ity Belt, a wearable pump that automatically stores and analyzes personal data; second place went to Helping Hands, which helps mothers manually lactate through a compression bra; and third place went to PumpIO, "an open software and hardware platform" for smart breast pump devices.

The three winning teams received, respectively, \$3,000 and a trip to Silicon Valley, \$2,000, and \$1,000. The event was sponsored primarily by breast pump and healthcare companies.

—Brandon Zeng

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Study on urinating dogs wins prize at Ig Nobel ceremony

Quirky research takes center stage at Harvard event

By Ray Wang

Six Nobel laureates convened at Harvard's Sanders Theatre last Thursday for the 2014 Ig Nobel Prize Ceremony, presenting ten awards to fellow scientists being recognized for strange research.

In the past, winning research has included the likes of the famous "levitating frog" and studies on the celestial-navigation abilities of beetles, and winners

are often even more interesting than their work suggests.

Expecting to meet some singular characters, I arrived at Sanders just in time for press interviews, two hours before doors opened to the public. Amidst the professional camera crews and buzzing reporters were the winners — in physics, neuroscience, psychology, public health, biology, art, economics, medicine, and arctic science.

I got acquainted in particular with the researchers who bravely dressed up as polar bears to gauge the response of wild reindeers in Norway. Simultaneously, in the lobby, the "Boston Squeezebox Ensemble," composed of less-than-professional accordion players, serenaded the hall with an earsplitting collection of songs.

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IN SHORT

The Red Cross blood drive will continue in La Sala de Puerto Rico (W20-202) through Friday; hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. the rest of the week.

ESP's Splash, an educational program for high school students, will run the weekend before

Thanksgiving. Sign up to teach at https://esp.mit.edu/teach_anything by Friday.

This semester's final exam schedule has been made available at <http://finals.mit.edu>.

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Plaintiffs challenge Texas voter ID law, claim the law is biased

By Manny Fernandez
THE NEW YORK TIMES

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A law requiring Texas voters to show government-issued identification before casting a ballot is the latest example of the state’s long history of discrimination against minorities and puts unjustified burdens on the right to vote for more than half a million Texans, lawyers challenging the law told a federal judge here on Monday.

The Justice Department, joined by several black and Hispanic voters, elected officials and advocacy groups, sued Texas in federal court over the state’s voter-identification law, asking a judge to overturn it and arguing that it discriminates against minority voters. Texas officials said the law was necessary to prevent voter fraud and have denied that it discriminates, arguing that the five elections Texas has held using the law’s requirements had yielded few reports of people being unable to produce the types of ID needed to vote.

The case has the potential for

widespread effect on the state’s coming elections, as well as on the extent of the federal government’s oversight of Texas voting procedures. The plaintiffs want the judge to require Texas to seek advance federal approval before making changes to its voting laws, a level of oversight the U.S. Supreme Court freed the state from last year.

A ruling striking down the law could affect procedures for the Nov. 4 election. Following the closing arguments Monday in a trial that began Sept. 2, the judge hearing the case — Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos of U.S. District Court — did not say when she would issue a ruling. But lawyers expect a decision before the election from the judge, whom President Barack Obama appointed to the court in 2011.

Lawyers for the groups opposing the law cited elements of Texas’ past in their closing arguments Monday. They told the judge of whites-only primaries, poll taxes and the discriminatory redrawing of electoral district lines. In one case, a three-judge federal panel in Washington ruled in 2012 that the maps

drawn by the Texas Legislature for state Senate, state House and congressional districts discriminated against minority voters. The Republican legislators who approved those district maps passed the voter ID bill in the same 2011 session of the Legislature.

Texas “has used race as an issue that has defined its politics and has too often defined its policy,” said Chad W. Dunn, a lawyer for some of the plaintiffs.

The historical arguments made in court and in legal filings were tied in part to a crucial aspect of the plaintiffs’ case — intent.

The Justice Department and civil-rights lawyers argued that Texas had a “discriminatory intent” in enacting the law. They said the nearly all-white Legislature, in crafting the law, eliminated forms of ID that are more accessible to minorities and retained those more accessible to whites. They said the state’s Republican leaders were trying to achieve a partisan advantage, at a time when the Hispanic and black populations in Texas, which tend to vote mostly Democratic, were booming.

Hong Kong students lead democracy fight with class boycott

HONG KONG — Thousands of Hong Kong university students abandoned classes Monday to rally against Chinese government limits on voting rights, a bellwether demonstration of the city’s appetite for turning smoldering discontent into street-level opposition.

“University students must shoulder the responsibility of these times,” Nathan Law Kwun-chung, the acting president of the student union of Lingnan University, told the crowd crammed into the main quad at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Some held banners of their schools, many others umbrellas to ward off the sun in this tropical former British colony.

“Boycotting classes is just the first wave of resistance,” he said. “Today is not the last step for us all. It’s the first step, and countless resistance campaigns will bear fruit.”

The student strikers, who have said they will boycott classes for the week, are at the vanguard of a planned succession of protests against rules proposed by China that would effectively give Beijing the right to screen candidates for Hong Kong’s top official.

High school students plan to join the boycott for a day on Friday. While the strike’s first day indicated a modest start, the biggest showdown will come if the main pro-democracy group, Occupy Central with Love and Peace, acts on vows to flood Central, the city’s main business district, with demonstrators.

—Chris Buckley and Alan Wong, *The New York Times*

German Amazon workers walk off job over wage dispute

BERLIN — Amazon employees in Germany, frustrated by the company’s refusal to hold wage talks, walked off their jobs Monday in a coordinated strike at four of the company’s distribution centers.

A total of 2,000 workers refused to show up for their shifts on Monday in an effort to force the company to accept an agreement in line with other retailers.

The job action was expected to run from the early shift Monday through the late shift on Tuesday, said the Ver.di retail and service workers union, which organized the strike.

Amazon said the number of employees taking part in the strike during the first shift was not significant enough to prevent the company from making its deliveries on time.

“Less than 600 employees of the early shift have followed the call to strike action,” Anette Nachbar, a spokeswoman for Amazon in Germany, said in an email. “Therefore the strike will not impede on the compliance with Amazon’s delivery promise.”

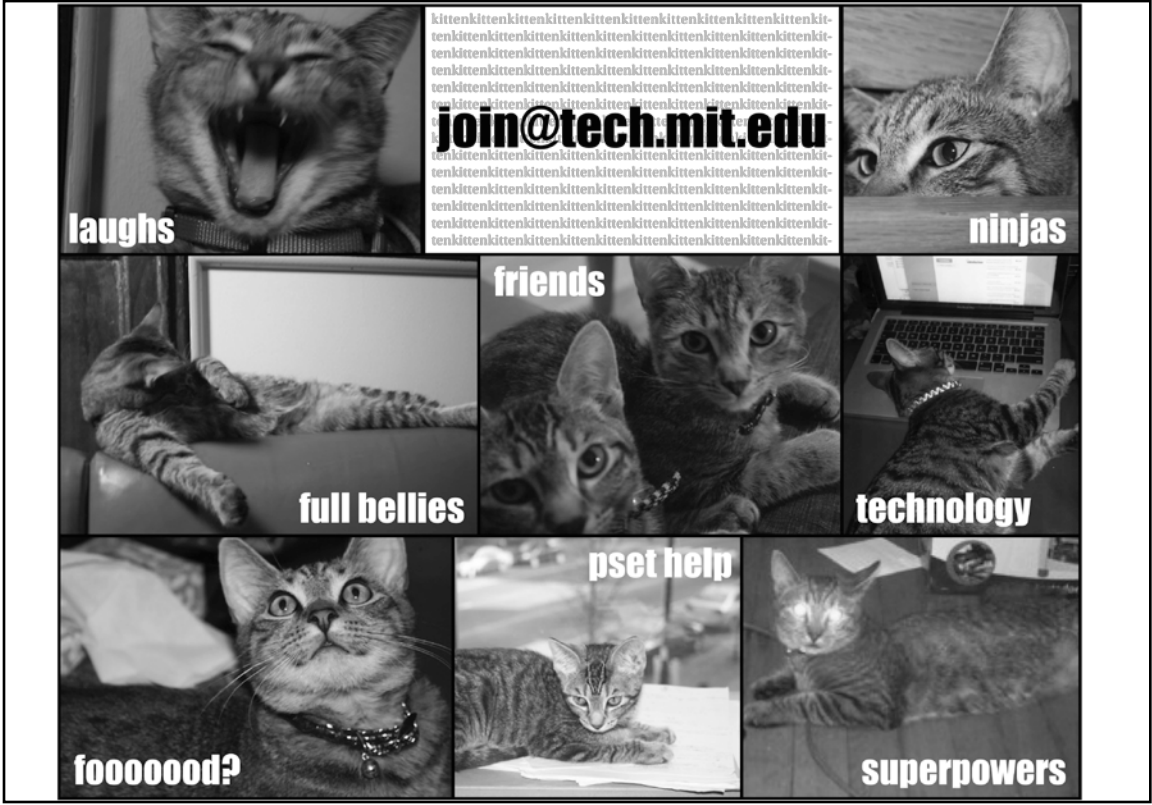
The company employs some 9,000 full-time workers in Germany, with thousands more on temporary contracts.

At the heart of the issue is an attempt by Ver.di to force Amazon to recognize itself as a retailer, which would make it beholden to labor laws that require wages be set through collective bargaining.

But Amazon insists that its warehouses are logistics centers, “not shops frequented by customers.” Instead, most of its workers are involved in taking goods from shelves, packing and shipping them, and for their services, they receive wages at the upper end of the pay range for logistics workers, Amazon says.

Ver.di has been fighting Amazon since spring 2013, holding successive walkouts at different times, but Monday’s was the first coordinated action to be held simultaneously by workers at the four facilities — at Bad Hersfeld, Leipzig, Graben and Rheinberg.

—Melissa Eddy, *The New York Times*



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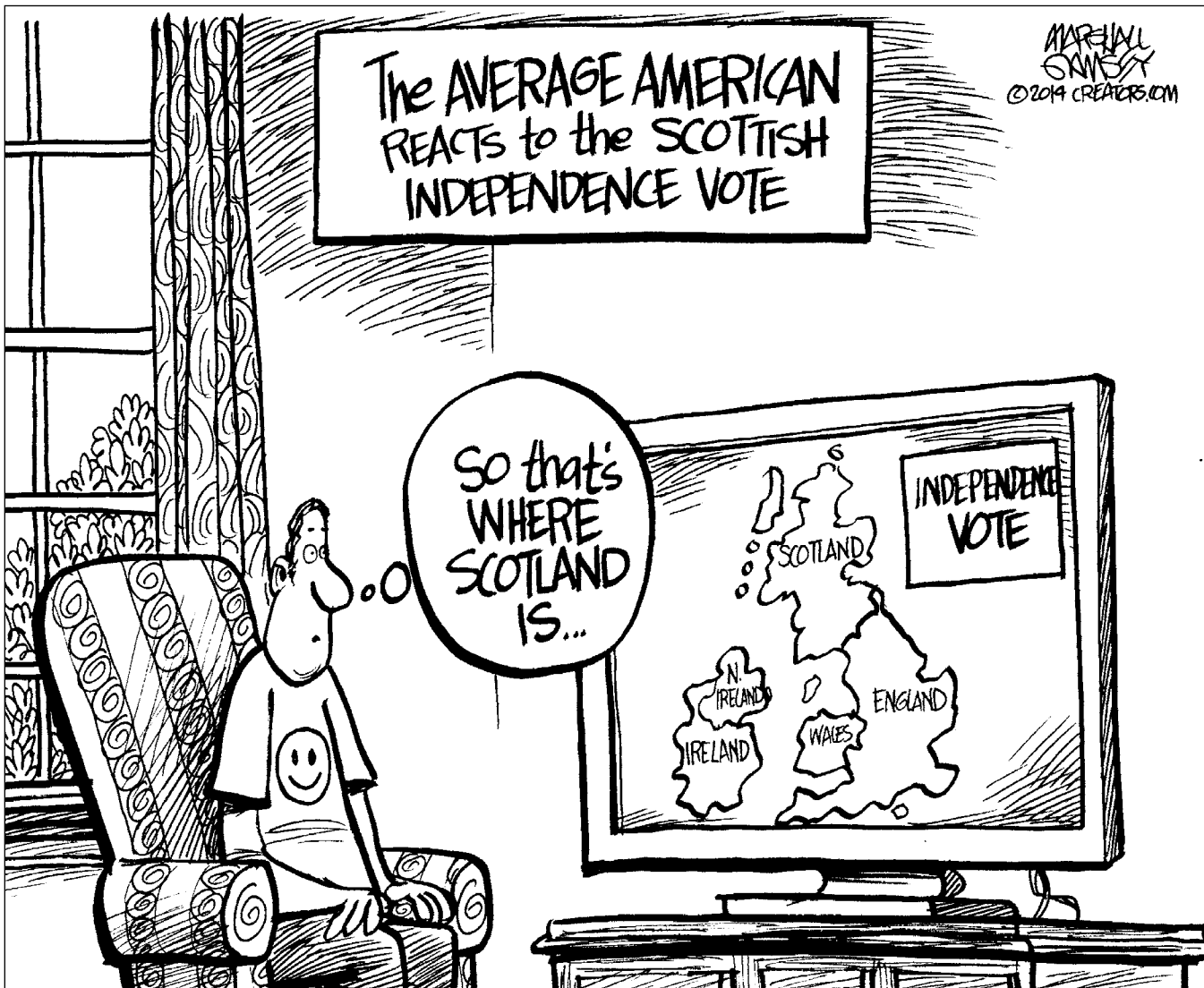
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BY ERIKA TRENT

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ExitContinue

GRE Quantitative Reasoning

25 questions
35 minutes

Instructions: Solve 6th grade geometry and high school algebra!

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ResignAccept Fate

GRE Verbal Reasoning

25 questions
30 minutes

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Somewhere on the Search for Meaning...

Letitia Li

Of Alternate Universe Grad Students...

Please accept these tears of devotion and orb of brilliance...

...and accept me into your lab - I mean guild.

Well, you have been published 8 times in *Nature* and 14 times in *Science*...

...and this is the research you've dreamed about for your entire life...

...But right now, we don't even have the funding to even buy an extra donut for you at meetings.



A WEBCOMIC OF ROMANCE, SARCASM, MATH, AND LANGUAGE

by Randall Munroe

[1423] Conservation

SO, WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?

MOSTLY I SIT AROUND WORRYING SOMEONE WILL ASK ME THAT, AND TRY TO THINK OF A GOOD ANSWER.

THAT'S NOT A BAD ANSWER. IT'S ALL I'VE GOT. NOW THAT IT'S DONE, I SHOULD GO. BYE!

Later, at home: Dear diary: Still can't figure out what to write here ...



PILED HIGHER AND DEEPER



by Jorge Cham

ANY PLANS FOR THE SUMMER, PROF. SMITH?

YES, I'M GOING ON VACATION WITH MY FAMILY.

HOWEVER, I'LL STILL BE CHECKING E-MAIL EVERY DAY, HAVING REGULAR CONFERENCE CALLS AND WORKING ON GRANT PROPOSALS WHILE I'M THERE.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO?

I'D RATHER SEND ONE OF MY POSTDOCS BUT MY SPOUSE WON'T LET ME.

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2014 Fall Career Fair

1. A representative of Amplitude, a mobile analytics company, passes out free souvenirs to a student who spun Amplitude's giveaway wheel. Nearly every booth at the fair had free souvenirs to entice attendees. Popular freebies included t-shirts, water bottles, desserts, and stickers.
2. An athenahealth representative passes out free t-shirts to attendees entering the Zesiger Center. Dropbox and athenahealth, both supplying t-shirts, were the first booths to greet students entering the fair, where over 380 companies were set up.
3. A guitarist promoting Motu, a professional music and audio tools company, explains Motu's software to a fair attendee. The company's display included several instruments that were played live and posters that detailed its products.
4. Recruiters from Google speak with several interested students. Many students brought résumés and attempted to secure interviews with companies at the fair, while others sought career advice from the representatives.
5. Students fill out name tags outside of the Zesiger Center before entering the fair. They expedited conversation with recruiters, who commonly sought students of specific majors and experience levels.
6. A student checks the Guidebook app on his phone while in the midst of booths on the Johnson Track. For the first time, Career Fair information was available through a mobile app, allowing attendees to refer to maps, schedules, and lists of companies at the fair.
7. At the Bloomberg LP booth, a representative explains the data displayed on the screens behind him. While Bloomberg used the large screens to advertise its work with complex stock market analytics, other companies promoted using live demos or samples of their products.



Sudoku I

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6	9			7		5		
4	3		5					

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku II

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4			9	1		5		
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	1			8	5		6	
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1				2				5
8							9	1
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		5		4	8			3

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

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20×			9+		2
10+		120×			15×
4		2×		12×	
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		3		5	
18×			40×		

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Techdoku II

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180×			120×		
	288×				2
15×			12×	20×	
2×				72×	
	60×		4+		
4		1		30×	

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Saturday Stumper

by Frank Lugo

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ACROSS

- 1 Crew locales
- 10 They often fall through
- 15 Words of coolness
- 16 Normandy city
- 17 Hairsplitter's concern
- 18 "Jewel in the Crown" of the British Empire
- 19 Far from comfy
- 20 Far from comfy
- 22 Gettysburg address ender
- 23 Directly
- 24 Record producers
- 27 City between Milan and Venice
- 31 Dumped
- 32 Dictionary collection
- 35 Small shake of a sort
- 36 Air France merger partner
- 37 Grey's Anatomy props
- 38 Result of too many falls
- 39 You might have a ball with it
- 40 Butterfly attractors
- 41 Small counter
- 42 Thousand Oaks neighbor
- 44 Glowing state
- 46 __ glasses

- 49 Flat, for one: Abbr.
- 50 It's unlikely to make a chicken move
- 53 Pump reinforcement
- 56 Author analyzed by Sartre
- 57 Words of coolness
- 59 Group of winds
- 60 From
- 61 Pull up
- 62 Pepsi Challenge, for instance

DOWN

- 1 Smartphone selection
- 2 Whom Gandalf was modeled on
- 3 Beauty and the Beast Golden Globe winner
- 4 Worked with clay, in a way
- 5 20th-century pope
- 6 Screen appearance
- 7 Sushi-bar snapper
- 8 Joan Miró collaborator
- 9 Start
- 10 "Come back new" sloganeer

- 11 More and more
- 12 Alpine Skiing World Cup sponsor
- 13 Nicht doch!
- 14 Holdup cause
- 21 Counter
- 23 It's not bad at all
- 24 "Before I built a wall I'd __ know . . .": Frost
- 25 It was worn by Hillary on Everest
- 26 Mega Millions drawing time
- 28 Now there
- 29 MixRadio app maker
- 30 Shelter exhortation
- 33 Great or big follower
- 34 Madison's second vice president
- 37 Aid in securing locks
- 41 Kellogg's snack brand
- 43 Is with you
- 45 Don't go all out?
- 47 Passing remark
- 48 __ España (Mexico's former name)
- 50 Musician "on chains" in

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"Monster Mash"

- 51 Half of icosahedron
- 52 Start to trust
- 53 Nuisance or fraud
- 54 Moves like flies

- 55 User of scanning devices
- 58 First name of the only person in the Inventors and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame

Bizarre research recognized at Ig Nobel award ceremony

Winners awarded ten trillion Zimbabwean dollars

Ig Nobels, from Page 1

Other notables included a researcher from Italy who found that people looking at paintings they liked actually felt less pain while being shot with lasers; she hopes her work can be used in hospital waiting rooms. She wasn't too keen on the idea of receiving an Ig Nobel prize at first, because her colleagues considered it an insult, but she was convinced to attend the ceremony.

Another team, however, was very excited to be there; in fact, they even gave me a collective cheer when I asked them how they reacted to their Ig Nobel. The international team had observed the defecating and urinating positions of dogs for two years, and they found that dogs detect magnetic fields and orient themselves north-south. Wonderful stuff.

Armed with a fancy camera, I took my seat in the press box on the balcony as the theater filled up with over 1,000 spectators. The night got stranger as soon as the Ig Nobels actually began, when audience members threw paper airplanes at the stage in an annual tradition known as the "deluge."

In between the presentations of the awards (consisting of a large

plastic plate and ten trillion Zimbabwean dollars), the coordinators of the event found creative ways to keep the audience amused. In accordance with this year's food theme, performers put on a three-act mini-opera about the intriguing concept of using pills as a replacement for actual meals. The singing, surprisingly, wasn't too bad.

A researcher found that people looking at paintings felt less pain while being shot with lasers.

Perhaps the best appearance of the night was by world-renowned Dr. NakaMats, who won the 2005 Ig Nobel in Nutrition for photographing every meal he consumed over 34 years. He's also a prolific inventor, having patented over 4,000 products, including a wig that can be used for self-defense. A few lucky audience members (not myself, sadly) won a date with him and joined him on stage for a quick hug.

The final Ig tradition, the annual goodbye speech, followed the

opera's finale. Professor Jean Berko Gleason of Boston University came to the podium to utter a simple "Goodbye, goodbye," before the last act on the playbill, the "disappearance of the audience," commenced.

These Ig Nobel prizes, which began in 1991, are organized by the Annals for Improbable Research, a scientific humor magazine that goes by the slogan that it "makes people LAUGH and then THINK." The purpose of the ceremony is not to ridicule science, but rather to make it more interesting, in the belief that nothing is truly useless or trivial. A slightly wild-looking Ig winner from Prague who studied a rodent parasite told me, much to my surprise, that he hopes to treat schizophrenia through his work. I'm still coming to terms with how extraordinary the evening was.

Sometimes, incredibly applicable science comes from esoteric research. The Ig Nobels, aside from being an evening of amusement and weird fun, are reminders that "Good achievements can also be odd, funny, and even absurd," as the Improbable Research website puts it. Who knows where these Ig Nobel laureates might find their work being used in the future?

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4	2	1	3	5	6

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Solution to Techdoku I

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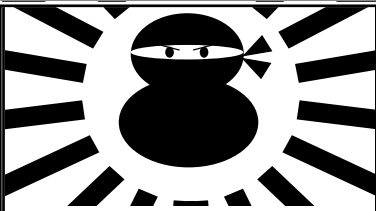
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6	8	4	1	3	7	9	5	2
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2	9	5	6	4	8	1	7	3

Solution to Crossword

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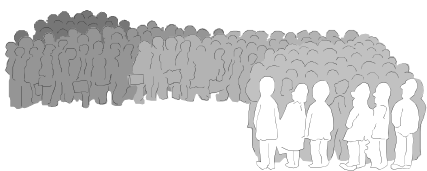
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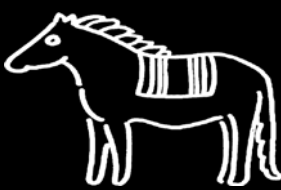
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Next House grows in popularity, MacGregor sees opposite trend

2014 numbers on summer housing lottery, FYRE are out

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of our events revolved around food so that we could hopefully facilitate communication with actual members of Maseeh,” said Katie Gohres ’17, one of Maseeh’s REX chairs. Their biggest hit was an event in which they catered frozen yogurt from Café 472. Over 100 students showed up, said Gohres.

Overall, most students were pleased with the housing selection process. Of the 1,044 freshmen, 65 percent received their top choice during the summer lottery.

A few other Maseeh events didn’t turn out as well, though, due to mistakes in the reporting of event times, but Gohres said that next year the REX committee “hope[s] to be a lot more clear with each other ... and with DormCon” concerning the scheduling of events.

The FYRE results show that Maseeh saw relatively few people wanting to switch in or out. Eight students requested to move in and only six requested transfer out. Gohres thought Maseeh’s relatively new culture and lack of “a solid set of personalities” might have contributed to this low turnover volume during FYRE. Since the dorm is composed of a “huge eclectic group of people,” there may have been an overall indifference to the FYRE process, said Gohres.

The dorms that saw the largest demand during FYRE were Burton Conner, with 34 students requesting to enter and only 10 leaving, and Simmons, with 28 requesting to enter and 12 leaving.

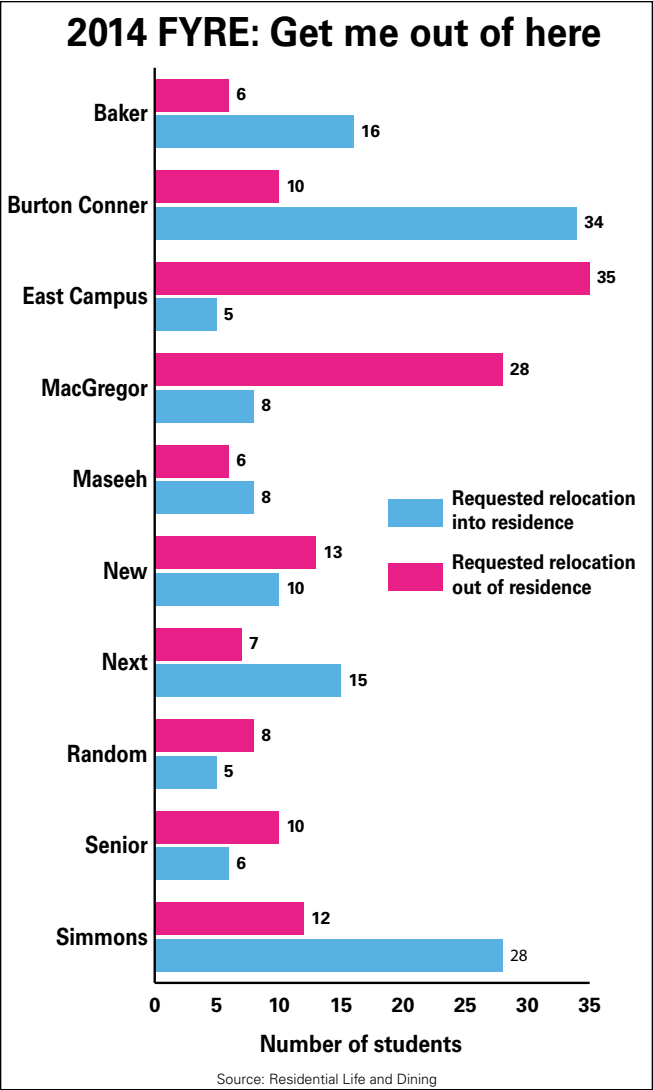
Evelyn Florentine ’18 was one of the few able to relocate to Burton Conner, and attributes her decision to enter the lottery to four tours of Burton Conner she took during REX. “I really liked the suite styles... and the fact that I’d be around people of all ages,” said Florentine.

As in previous years, though, several dorms had more difficulty attracting new freshmen. East Campus had 35 people attempting to leave and only five entering.

MacGregor also struggled to garner interest during both the summer lottery and REX. “The issue [with] MacGregor is that it’s not particularly awe-inspiring as an overall dorm because there’s not an overarching culture,” said MacGregor’s REX chair Elizabeth Shen ’16. “MacGregor has slowly been changing. I heard that in the past, it used to be a ghost town. People may still kind of think that, but it’s definitely become more vivid of a community.” MacGregor’s REX events this year, which included a carnival and a luau, were a chance to change that image.

Overall, most students were pleased with the housing selection process. Of the 1,044 MIT freshmen, 65 percent received their top choice during the summer lottery, and 68 percent of those who wanted to relocate during FYRE did so successfully.

Florentine thinks “it’s great that students have a lot of freedom to choose where they want to live.” She noted that, for the most part, “no other college lets you do that.”



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Men's soccer team earns win in season opener

Wilson's brace helps MIT record 3-0 victory over NEWMAC rivals Roger Williams

By Matthew Noonan
DAPER STAFF

For the second time this week, MIT's Joshua M. Wilson '18 located the back of the net twice as the Engineers defeated Emerson College, 3-0, on Saturday, September 20 in their New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) opener at Roberts Field at Steinbrenner Stadium. Wilson netted his first goal from outside the box following a feed from Chester Chambers '15 at 26:20 before depositing his second marker off a free kick at 80:55 in the second half.

MIT concluded the match with nine shots and held advantage in corners, five to two. Emerson registered six shots, four in the second half, and goalkeeper Carter Bowers recorded three stops. Samuel G. Cannon '15, who made his second consecutive start for the Engineers, turned away a season-best five shots.

After Wilson provided the Engineers

with a 1-0 lead, Emerson tried to respond with back-to-back shots by Ryan Carino and Evan Eubanks, which were each turned away by Cannon. MIT's Kareem R. Itani '17 registered the match's next shot — a strike at 44:30 in the Lions' box that provided the Engineers with a 2-0 lead at the break.

Emerson attempted to slice the deficit four times in the second half, but three of their shots were stopped by Cannon, while Jeremy Leder sent a potential tally wide left at 77:55. Wilson sealed the victory when he fired a free kick from five yards outside the box into the lower left corner of the Emerson goal.

Both teams return to action next Wednesday, September 24 as MIT travels to Tufts University, currently sixth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) New England region for a 4:00 p.m. start, while Emerson travels to Mount Ida College for a 7:00 p.m. kickoff.



MEGAN PRAKASH—THE TECH

Nicholas A. Diamantoni '15 dashes past a Roger Williams University player in the second half of the Wednesday night's soccer match. The Engineers won 4-1, with two goals by Joshua M. Wilson '18 and one each by Kareem R. Itani '17 and Sean D. Bingham '16.

Women's tennis team keeps perfect record with 9-0 win at home

MIT sweeps Mount Holyoke College to improve NEWMAC season to 4-0

By Phil Hess
DAPER STAFF

Playing at home, the MIT women's tennis team kept its win streak to start the 2014-15 season alive Saturday, September 20 as the Engineers defeated Mount Holyoke College, 9-0, in a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference match. It was the second straight match in which the Engineers did not allow its opponent to score a point.

MIT (4-0, 4-0 NEWMAC) quickly took a 3-0 advantage in the contest, winning all three doubles matches. The Engineers got on the board when its No. 2 team of Michelle M. Dutt '15 and Sonya A. Das '18 took an 8-2 decision over Sarah Anischik and Amy Chen. MIT then completed the doubles sweep when its No. 1 pairing of Elysa M. Kohrs '17 and Victoria Tam '16 took an 8-2 win

over Margaux Holloschutz and Ishita Tibrewal.

MIT then went on to take all of the singles matches to complete the sweep of the Lyons. Tam took the first point in singles play, defeating Anischik in a 6-0, 6-1 decision. Kohrs then won the decisive fifth point of the day for the Engineers, winning her No. 1 matchup with Holloschutz by a final score of 6-0, 6-0.

Das wrapped things up for MIT at No. 3, scoring a 6-0, 6-3 win. Also picking up straight sets victories for the Engineers were Wendi J. Kong '17 at No. 4, Cindy R. Liu '18 at No. 5 and Krystal Y. Lai '17 at No. 6.

MIT will return to action on Tuesday, September 23 when the Engineers will host Babson College in a NEWMAC match at 4 p.m. Mount Holyoke will also play on Tuesday, making the trip to Smith College for a 5 p.m. match.

MIT's field hockey team comes out with 4-3 victory in overtime

MIT thwarts Springfield's attempted rally from behind

By Mindy Brauer
DAPER STAFF

Siobhan K. Rigby '16 found the back of the cage with 1:01 remaining in overtime to give MIT a 4-3 victory over Springfield College in a NEWMAC field hockey game on Saturday, September 20. Caitlin A. Mackey '15 registered one goal and one assist for the Engineers (6-0, 1-0 NEWMAC) while Jamie Raccosta also paced the Pride (3-2, 0-1 NEWMAC) with one goal and one assist.

Springfield threatened to get on the board first courtesy of a fastbreak by Maggie Kennedy and Katie Gill but Gill's attempt on goal was turned away by junior Paige V. Kennedy '16. MIT countered by scoring the first goal of the game after 10:04 expired. With several players in front of the goal, Emily Penn '18 managed to send a pass while on the ground to the nearside of the arc where Molly C. McNamara '16 flipped the ball into the net. The Engineers then extended their lead to 2-0 at the 17:40 mark following a penalty corner that saw Krishna L. Jaitly '17 convert a pass from Mackey.

The Pride's defense fought off four penalty corners and seven shots on goal during the next 10 minutes. A defensive save by Olivia Cabral on MIT's last bid sparked a breakaway by Kristina Krull who slipped the ball just inside the near post.

Springfield carried the momentum into the second stanza as it generated a pair of penalty corners that resulted in two shots on goal; however, it was Mackey who gave the Engineers some breathing room following 4:38 of action. After intercepting a pass at midfield, she found herself in a one-on-one situation with goalie Timarie Villa and then tapped the ball in to establish a 3-1 cushion.

Like the second half, Springfield had a quick start in the overtime session with a shot on goal by Quist and a penalty corner.

Although the game became a back-and-forth affair, MIT had a slight edge in time of possession but the Pride took advantage of the few opportunities that materialized as it tied the game with 5:23 left in regulation. On a penalty corner, Raccosta set up Linnea Quist with 18:58 on clock while Raccosta scored the equalizer following a scramble after another penalty corner. The Engineers mounted one last charge but Villa turned away three shots while Jess Lawson recorded a defensive save.

Like the second half, Springfield had a quick start in the overtime session with a shot on goal by Quist and a penalty corner. After a penalty corner by the Cardinal and Gray, Gill came up with the ball and sprinted down the middle of the field. Kennedy came off her line to the top of the arc where she forced Gill to the farside and cut down her angle, causing her shot to go wide of the net. Villa responded moments later by using her stick on a diving stop to deny Mackey the game-winner.

Following an exchange of penalty corners, Rigby nearly ended the affair but her attempt glanced off the far post. The Pride countered with a Krull shot that was stopped by Kennedy and was then awarded a penalty corner. Krull's next bid, which came with two minutes left, was once again kicked away by Kennedy. MIT's Tate E. DeWeese '17 emerged with the loose ball and initiated the fast break that resulted in her setting up Rigby for the final goal of the game.

In net, Kennedy finished with eight saves for the Engineers while Villa amassed 15 saves for the visitors.

MIT returns to action on Thursday, Sept. 25 when it hosts non-conference foe Endicott College. Springfield, meanwhile, resumes play on Tuesday, Sept. 23 with a home game against Amherst College.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, September 23

Women's Tennis vs. Babson College 4 p.m., DuPont Tennis Courts

Thursday, September 25

Sailing vs. Midweek Firefly Invite 4 p.m., Charles River
Field Hockey vs. Endicott College 6 p.m., Briggs Field



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